

of the following Member on the part of the House to the Social Security Advisory Board for a 6-year term:

Ms. Martha Keys of Virginia.

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2910, NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1999

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 312 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 312

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2910) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each section of that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for the purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER); pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for purposes of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 312 is an open rule, and I am proud to be part of the Committee on Rules under the leadership of the gentleman from California (Chairman DREIER) who is pursuing and succeeding in a policy of bringing forward an almost unprecedented percentage of open rules.

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This one provides for the consideration of H.R. 2910, the National Transportation Safety Board, NTSB, Amendments Act of 1999. The purpose of the legislation is to reauthorize the NTSB for fiscal years 2000, 2001 and 2002.

House Resolution 312 provides for 1 hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The rule also makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, modified by the amendment printed in the Committee on Rules report accompanying the resolution. The bill will be open for amendment by section.

Further, the Chair is authorized to grant priority recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, if otherwise consistent with House rules.

In addition, the rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to 5 minutes on a postponed question, if a vote follows a 15-minute vote.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, the NTSB, which was last authorized in 1996, is an independent agency that is charged with determining the probable causes of transportation accidents and with promoting transportation safety.

Many of my distinguished colleagues will recall the NTSB's involvement in the investigation of the tragic ValuJet crash in the Everglades and the TWA Flight 800 tragedy.

And in addition to investigating aviation, marine and major highway accidents, the NTSB conducts safety studies, evaluates the effectiveness of other government agencies' programs for prevention of transportation accidents, and coordinates all Federal assistance for families of victims of catastrophic accidents. It is truly an im-

portant, a fundamental, and indispensable Federal agency.

So, Mr. Speaker, this Resolution 312, this rule, is a fair rule. It is a completely open rule and permits any Member of the body to bring forth any germane amendment, and I certainly would urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) for yielding me this time, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I support the rule and the underlying bill, H.R. 2910, the National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 1999.

This is an open rule, providing for 1 hour of debate equally divided between the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. We thank the members of the committee who bring this bill before us this morning for their very important work.

The bill authorizes the National Transportation Safety Board at slightly increased levels for the next three fiscal years, increases which are necessary for the NTSB to continue its important work.

This is a Nation on the move. Whether in the skies, on the ground, or across our waterways, the lifeblood of our economy pulses through our transportation system. That same system helps people bridge the miles which separate friends and family.

But, tragically, accidents which claim lives and threaten public safety are a part of that equation. The NTSB has, since 1974, worked diligently to analyze and investigate the causes of such tragedies, and that knowledge which has been gained and applied has helped us to make travel for business and for pleasure more safe.

When the question is public safety, there is no room for complacency, which is why this bill is so important. This bill was forwarded to the House by a voice vote, and no opposition to its consideration has been noticed on either side of the aisle. Therefore, I am pleased to support the rule and the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a

quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

This will be a 15-minute vote, followed by a 5-minute vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 0, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 460]

YEAS—420

Abercrombie	Cook	Green (WI)
Ackerman	Cooksey	Greenwood
Aderholt	Costello	Gutierrez
Allen	Cox	Gutknecht
Andrews	Coyne	Hall (OH)
Archer	Cramer	Hall (TX)
Armey	Crane	Hansen
Bachus	Crowley	Hastings (FL)
Baird	Cummings	Hastings (WA)
Baker	Cunningham	Hayes
Baldacci	Davis (FL)	Hayworth
Baldwin	Davis (IL)	Hefley
Ballenger	Davis (VA)	Herger
Barcia	Deal	Hill (IN)
Barr	DeFazio	Hill (MT)
Barrett (NE)	DeGette	Hilleary
Barrett (WI)	Delahunt	Hilliard
Bartlett	DeLauro	Hinchey
Barton	DeLay	Hinojosa
Bass	DeMint	Hobson
Bateman	Deutsch	Hoefel
Bentsen	Diaz-Balart	Hoekstra
Bereuter	Dickey	Holden
Berkley	Dicks	Holt
Berman	Dingell	Horn
Berry	Dixon	Hostettler
Biggert	Doggett	Hoyer
Bilbray	Dooley	Hulshof
Bilirakis	Doolittle	Hunter
Bishop	Doyle	Hutchinson
Blagojevich	Dreier	Hyde
Bliley	Duncan	Inslee
Blumenauer	Dunn	Isakson
Blunt	Edwards	Istook
Boehlert	Ehlers	Jackson (IL)
Boehner	Ehrlich	Jackson-Lee
Bonilla	Emerson	(TX)
Bonior	English	Jenkins
Bono	Eshoo	John
Borski	Etheridge	Johnson (CT)
Boswell	Evans	Johnson, E. B.
Boucher	Everett	Johnson, Sam
Boyd	Ewing	Jones (NC)
Brady (PA)	Farr	Jones (OH)
Brady (TX)	Fattah	Kanjorski
Brown (FL)	Filner	Kaptur
Brown (OH)	Fletcher	Kasich
Bryant	Foley	Kelly
Burr	Forbes	Kennedy
Burton	Ford	Kildee
Buyer	Fossella	Kilpatrick
Callahan	Fowler	Kind (WI)
Calvert	Frank (MA)	King (NY)
Camp	Franks (NJ)	Kingston
Campbell	Frelinghuysen	Kleczka
Canady	Frost	Klink
Cannon	Gallegly	Knollenberg
Capps	Ganske	Kolbe
Capuano	Gejdenson	Kucinich
Cardin	Gekas	Kuykendall
Carson	Gephardt	LaFalce
Castle	Gibbons	LaHood
Chabot	Gilchrest	Lampson
Chambliss	Gillmor	Lantos
Clay	Gilman	Largent
Clayton	Gonzalez	Larson
Clement	Goode	Latham
Clyburn	Goodlatte	LaTourette
Coble	Goodling	Lazio
Coburn	Gordon	Leach
Collins	Goss	Lee
Combest	Graham	Levin
Condit	Granger	Lewis (CA)
Conyers	Green (TX)	Lewis (GA)

Lewis (KY)	Paul	Smith (MI)
Linder	Payne	Smith (NJ)
Lipinski	Pease	Smith (TX)
LoBiondo	Pelosi	Smith (WA)
Lofgren	Peterson (MN)	Snyder
Lowey	Peterson (PA)	Souder
Lucas (KY)	Petri	Spence
Lucas (OK)	Phelps	Spratt
Luther	Pickering	Stabenow
Maloney (CT)	Pickett	Stark
Maloney (NY)	Pitts	Stearns
Manzullo	Pombo	Stenholm
Markey	Pomeroy	Strickland
Martinez	Porter	Stump
Mascara	Portman	Stupak
Matsui	Price (NC)	Sununu
McCarthy (MO)	Pryce (OH)	Sweeney
McCarthy (NY)	Quinn	Talent
McCollum	Radanovich	Tancredo
McCrery	Rahall	Tanner
McDermott	Ramstad	Tauscher
McGovern	Rangel	Tauzin
McHugh	Regula	Taylor (MS)
McInnis	Reyes	Taylor (NC)
McIntosh	Reynolds	Terry
McIntyre	Riley	Thomas
McKinney	Rivers	Thompson (CA)
McNulty	Rodriguez	Thompson (MS)
Meehan	Roemer	Thornberry
Meek (FL)	Rogan	Thune
Menendez	Rogers	Thurman
Metcalfe	Rohrabacher	Tiahrt
Mica	Ros-Lehtinen	Tierney
Millender-	Rothman	Toomey
McDonald	Roukema	Towns
Miller (FL)	Roybal-Allard	Trafficant
Miller, Gary	Royce	Turner
Miller, George	Rush	Udall (CO)
Minge	Ryan (WI)	Udall (NM)
Mink	Ryun (KS)	Upton
Moakley	Sabo	Velazquez
Mollohan	Salmon	Vento
Moore	Sanchez	Visclosky
Moran (KS)	Sanders	Vitter
Moran (VA)	Sandlin	Walden
Morella	Sanford	Walsh
Murtha	Sawyer	Wamp
Myrick	Saxton	Waters
Nadler	Schaffer	Watkins
Napolitano	Schakowsky	Watt (NC)
Neal	Scott	Watts (OK)
Nethercutt	Sensenbrenner	Waxman
Ney	Serrano	Weiner
Northup	Sessions	Weldon (FL)
Norwood	Shadegg	Weller
Nussle	Shaw	Wexler
Oberstar	Shays	Weygand
Obey	Sherman	Whitfield
Olver	Sherwood	Wicker
Ortiz	Shimkus	Wilson
Ose	Shows	Wise
Owens	Shuster	Wolf
Oxley	Simpson	Woolsey
Packard	Sisisky	Wynn
Pallone	Skeen	Young (AK)
Pascarell	Skelton	Young (FL)
Pastor	Slaughter	

NOT VOTING—13

Becerra	Hooley	Scarborough
Chenoweth	Houghton	Weldon (PA)
Cubin	Jefferson	Wu
Danner	McKeon	
Engel	Meeks (NY)	

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska).

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 362, nays 52, answered "present" 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 461]

YEAS—362

Abercrombie	Davis (IL)	Hostettler
Ackerman	Davis (VA)	Hulshof
Allen	Deal	Hunter
Andrews	DeGette	Hutchinson
Archer	Delahunt	Hyde
Armey	DeLauro	Inslee
Bachus	DeMint	Isakson
Baker	Deutsch	Istook
Baldacci	Diaz-Balart	Jackson (IL)
Baldwin	Dicks	Jackson-Lee
Ballenger	Dingell	(TX)
Barcia	Dixon	Jenkins
Barr	Doggett	John
Barrett (NE)	Dooley	Johnson (CT)
Barrett (WI)	Doolittle	Johnson, Sam
Bartlett	Doyle	Jones (NC)
Barton	Dreier	Jones (OH)
Bass	Duncan	Kanjorski
Bateman	Dunn	Kaptur
Bentsen	Edwards	Kasich
Bereuter	Ehlers	Kelly
Berkley	Ehrlich	Kennedy
Berman	Emerson	Kildee
Berry	Engel	Kilpatrick
Biggert	Eshoo	Kind (WI)
Bilirakis	Etheridge	King (NY)
Bishop	Evans	Kingston
Blagojevich	Everett	Kleczka
Bliley	Ewing	Knollenberg
Blumenauer	Farr	Kolbe
Blunt	Fletcher	Kuykendall
Boehlert	Foley	LaFalce
Boehner	Forbes	LaHood
Bonilla	Fossella	Lampson
Bono	Fowler	Lantos
Boswell	Frank (MA)	Largent
Boucher	Franks (NJ)	Larson
Boyd	Frelinghuysen	Latham
Brady (TX)	Frost	LaTourette
Brown (FL)	Gallegly	Lazio
Brown (OH)	Ganske	Leach
Bryant	Gejdenson	Lee
Burr	Gekas	Levin
Burton	Gilchrest	Lewis (CA)
Callahan	Gilman	Lewis (GA)
Calvert	Gonzalez	Lewis (KY)
Camp	Goode	Linder
Campbell	Goodlatte	Lipinski
Canady	Goodling	Lofgren
Cannon	Gordon	Lowey
Capps	Goss	Lucas (KY)
Capuano	Graham	Lucas (OK)
Cardin	Granger	Luther
Carson	Green (TX)	Maloney (CT)
Castle	Green (WI)	Maloney (NY)
Chabot	Greenwood	Manzullo
Chambliss	Gutierrez	Markey
Clayton	Hall (OH)	Martinez
Clement	Hall (TX)	Mascara
Clyburn	Hansen	Matsui
Coble	Hastings (WA)	McCarthy (MO)
Coburn	Hayes	McCarthy (NY)
Combest	Hayworth	McCollum
Condit	Herger	McCrery
Conyers	Hill (IN)	McGovern
Cook	Hill (MT)	McHugh
Cooksey	Hilleary	McInnis
Cox	Hinojosa	McIntosh
Coyne	Hobson	McIntyre
Cramer	Hoefel	McKinney
Crowley	Hoekstra	Meehan
Cummings	Holden	Meek (FL)
Cunningham	Holt	Menendez
Davis (FL)	Horn	Metcalfe